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Mr. Doug Button  
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Dear Mr. Button:

As you know, we are striving to keep our employees informed of the findings the building investigation. As previously requested in my email to you on July 28, 2008, the *Board of Equalization* would like a preliminary report from the Department of General Services' consultant, La Croix-Davis, regarding their visual inspection of the elevator shafts on July 24, 2008. In the report, we would like La Croix-Davis consultants to address what they saw on their visual inspection and what their plan of action is to further investigate and to remediate any of their findings. We would like this report by Monday, August 4, 2008, so that we can post it to our BOE Headquarters Building Assessment web site.

Our consultant, Hygiene Tech, was informed verbally of La Croix-Davis' observations but did not have any direct observations up into the elevator shaft since only a La Croix-Davis staff person and the elevator technician were able to ride up the shaft on top of the elevator car. Although we have a report from Hygiene Tech recounting what they were told, it is not based on first hand observations or knowledge. So we would prefer to post a report from someone with firsthand knowledge of what was seen to avoid any confusion. Hygiene Tech did, however, test the air in the elevator cars on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and they advise us that the results indicated the air was unremarkable. That data has been forwarded to you.

If we do not receive the requested preliminary report by Tuesday, August 5, 2008, we will find it necessary to post Hygiene Tech's report of what they were told to keep our employees informed.

Sincerely,

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